

disposition. Further information about the disposition process will be furnished to each requester.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of the Air Force (N1-AFU-96-6). Reports relating to personnel support for contingency operations.

2. Department of Justice (N1-60-95-2). Subject and reference files, 1991-92, of the Assistant Attorney General for Policy Development.

3. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (N1-85-96-7). Reduction in the retention period for Form I-775, Visa Waiver Program Agreement.

4. Securities and Exchange Commission (N1-266-96-1). Comprehensive schedule for Office of International Affairs.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Proposed Construction and Operation of a Convention Center in Washington, D.C.; Public Meeting and Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and in accordance with the Environmental Policies and Procedures implemented by the National Capital Planning Commission (Commission), the Commission and the District of Columbia Government announce their intent to conduct one (1) public meeting to discuss a new Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the public meeting is to determine the significant issues related to the construction and operation of the convention center. The meeting will serve as part of the formal environmental review/scoping process for the preparation of the environmental document that is required for this project.

This Notice of Intent (NOI) initiates the formal environmental review/scoping process for this project and the public is encouraged to submit written comments on the alternatives and on the impacts of this time. A comprehensive

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is considered to be the appropriate environmental document for this project and it is expected that completion of an EIS will discharge all obligations under Federal environmental laws. The comments and responses received on the scope of the alternatives and potential impacts, as a result of this NOI, will be considered for the environmental document.

The proposed convention center would include approximately 2 million gross square feet and would be located in central Washington, D.C. The proposed convention center is scheduled to be completed in December 1999.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will identify and analyze impacts and mitigation options of the alternative actions under consideration. At present those alternatives may include: (1) Construction and operation of a new convention center at the Mount Vernon Square site (bounded by K, 7th, 9th, and N Streets, NW.); (2) construction and operation of a new convention center at the Northeast No. 1 site (generally, between First Street, NE. and the railroad track); and (3) a No Action Alternative, which would result in a no new construction. Topics for environmental analysis include short-term construction-related impacts, long-term changes in traffic, parking, socio-economic impacts, land use and physical/biologic conditions within the project area; cultural (historic and archeological) and visual resource protection; and site operations and maintenance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental review/scoping process will include all written comments and one (1) public meeting for the purpose of determining significant issues related to the alternatives and to the potential impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of the Convention Center. The public meeting will be held:

Wednesday, September 25, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at 900 9th Street, NW, the D.C. Convention Center/Rooms 30 and 31.

This public meeting will be advertised in local and regional newspapers. Adequate signs will be posted to direct meeting participants. A short formal presentation will precede the request for public comments. National Capital Planning Commission and District of Columbia representatives will be available at this meeting to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. It is important that Federal, regional and local agencies, and interested

individuals and groups take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the Draft EIS. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five (5) minutes. A Document summarizing the written and oral comments received will be prepared.

An Informational Packet will be available for review at the offices of the National Capital Planning Commission at 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., and at Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library (9th & G Streets, N.W.), or upon request. Agencies and the general public are invited and are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meeting. To be most helpful, environmental review/scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the community believes the EIS should address.

DATES: All written statements regarding environmental review of the proposed arena must be postmarked no later than September 27, 1996 to the address below:

National Capital Planning Commission, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20576, Attention: Mr. Maurice Foushee, Community Planner

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT: National Capital Planning Commission, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20576, Phone: (202) 482-7200.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research #1203

Dates and Times: 9-10-96, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm, and 9-11-96; 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Type of Meeting: Closed

Contact Person: Dr. W. Lance Haworth, Coordinating Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065 NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone (703) 306-1815